



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL
DISTRICT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND
ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT AMENDMENT TO AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS FOR
THE WELLNESS CENTER PARK/FITNESS ZONE PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant amendment to Amigos De Los Rios to supplement the development of a wellness-themed park at the University of Southern California Medical Center in Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant amendment to Amigos De Los Rios for the proposed Wellness Center Park/Fitness Zone Project.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a \$500,000 grant amendment to Amigos De Los Rios for the proposed Wellness Center Park/Fitness Zone Project after the City of Los Angeles assigns the right to apply to Amigos De Los Rios, if applicable conditions have been met; and to administer the grant amendment as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds

Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Los Angeles (City) for a grant amendment to Amigos De Los Rios (ADLR) for the proposed Wellness Center Park/Fitness Zone Project (Project).

On March 5, 2013, the Board awarded a total of \$1,900,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to 1996 Proposition, to the City for a grant to ADLR for the Project. However, after commencement of the Project, the need for additional work, material, and other costs was identified. As a result, it is recommended that an additional \$500,000 be allocated to supplement the existing grant. The additional \$500,000 recommended will cover design, project management, and administration of the project as well as further cost for installation of shade sails and amenities, tree trimming, and landscape and lighting upgrades.

The City, which is a qualified recipient of Cities Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition, will assign its right to apply for the \$500,000 to ADLR.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant amendment after the City assigns the right to apply to ADLR and only if applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing a wellness-themed recreational opportunity in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant, in the amount of \$500,000, is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. ADLR has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts

specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 5, 2013, the Board adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director, and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009, only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

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Director

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors